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OR,

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To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

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NOTICE is hereby given to all Gentlemen that have Subscribed to the first Volume of the *British Apollo* in Octavo, that the said Book will be Published the 15th of this Instant *January*, where all Persons may receive their Books at those Places where they Subscribed at, *Viz.* Mr. *Clark's* in *Birchin-Lane*. Mr. *Woodward's* in *Scalding-Alley*, both near the *Royal-Exchange*. Mr. *Carter's* in St. *Paul's-Church-Yard*. Mr. *Bickerton's* in *Little-Britain*, Booksellers, or of *J. Mayo*, Printer hereof, over against *Water-Lane*, *Fleet-Street*.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. WHETHER *the Angels of the Seven Churches mentioned in the* Revelations *were Humane, and had a Superiority over the Presbyters of each Church. Your Ingenious Solution is desir'd by,*

Your most Humble Servant, W. R.

A. Those Angels were the Bishops of their respective Churches, as all Sober and Judicious Expositors agree: And their being invested with Episcopal Authority implies their having Presbyters Subordinate to them. For a Bishop in the Primitive Church as well as now was a Superintendent over the Clergy, as a Minister is over his Congregation. This we cou'd prove from many Arguments and Testimonies: But having frequently treated of this Subject already, the Querist will we hope, excuse us from that Labour.

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire to know how the Sins of Believers should be the Cause of their Afflictions, when Jesus Christ has made a full and perfect satisfaction for them all, and when for his sake they are all of them freely and fully pardon'd. A speedy Answer will highly Oblige,*

Your Admirer and Subscriber. J. A.

A. The Satisfaction of Christ consists in redeeming the Faithful from the eternal Punishment of their Sins in a future State of Life, but not from the Temporary Afflictions of this, with which their Heavenly Father is pleased to chastise them for their Benefit.

Q. Gentlemen, *Can a Man duly discharge his Duty to his Children in Chastising them for a Fault, during the Time that he is in Passion against them? Or ought not he rather to defer his Correction till his Passion is over?*

Your Admirer, &c.

A. Choler being an Enemy to Moderation, it will be scarce possible for a Man, to Exercise such Punishment in his Passion, but he shall have some Reason after to repent his Severity. We are told that *Plato* having the Rod in his Hand to Correct his Servant made a sudden stop because his Passion was up; at which Time *Speusippus* entring his Chamber and finding him in that Posture, demanded what he was about to do. "I am Chastising my self, said he, by refusing my Anger "that Satisfaction which it desires." This Example is followed but by few: If Men delay their Corrections, they generally neglect them altogether; which shews that they do not correct their Children or Servants for their Benefit, but in Revenge of some little Trespasses which they commit. They chide and punish with Animosity; and under pretence of discharging the Obligations, which they are under by Virtue of their Fatherly Authority, they run themselves upon grievous Sins, and often injure tender Virtue. Therefore saith St. *Augustin*, "The most quick-sighted Philosophers, whose "Opinions approach nearest to Truth, believe

" lieve that Choler is absolutely evil, because the " slightest Emotions of it are irregular and mali- " cious, and force us to Sin against Reason at " the very Time, when we do that which Reason " commands us.

Q. Honourable Gentlemen, *Hearing of the many Ingenious Answers and good Advices (tho' being for some time in the Country, hath not had the good Fortune to see 'em) you have given to all Pertinent Questions, that hath been presented to you, induced me to make known my Condition to you.* Gentlemen, *I have for above two Years had an ardent Love for a Young Woman, yet knowing my self to be bound an Apprentice for 7 Years, and but half the time yet expir'd, together (for the aforesaid Reason) with my being at present uncapable of maintaining of her, and of consequence expecting her disdainful denial; hath (tho' with great reluctance and self-denial) hitherto curb'd my Passion and prevented my Suit to her. But which is yet worse I have a Friend whom I Love as a Brother (whose Condition I conceive did run Parallel with my own, tho' now he seems to get the better of me) which hath lately served out his Apprenticeship, who address'd himself to me in the following manner. I hath (says he) been long Tosticated between Hope and Dispair fearing that Mrs.——— (which is the same Idea I aim at) would be Married before I had served out my Time: but now (thanks be to God) that fear is past, and I hope I shall Legitimate my Affections to her in Matrimony. To which, I replied, I thought it might be better for him to live some time Single, but hoarded my own smart, fearing if I discover'd it, it would the more encrease. Now,* Gentlemen, *I leave you to Judge what a deplorable Condition I'm in, hoping you will gratify my desire with your speedy Advice, which will Oblige me to be,*

Your Debtor and Well-wisher, S. B.

A. To endeavour to possess the Young Woman with an Affection for you, before you are in a Capacity to maintain her; tho' it may be a demonstration of your Passion for accomplishing your own desires, it will be no Argument of your Love further: All the Advice we can therefore give under your present circumstances is to endeavour to conquer your Inclinations, or least to wait with Patience till providence gives you a fairer Prospect, for your Succeeding.

Q. *The great Clemency of* Julius Cæsar *towards his Enemies is highly applauded by the* Roman *Authors as the most remarkable part of his Character; but yet considering that he was a Man of a boundless Ambition, the Property of which is to make Men stop at nothing that may contribute towards advancing their Fame, and obtaining the Sovereign Power: It may be perhaps worth your Enquiry, whether the high* Encomiums *given him upon this Account did not proceed either from Flattery or Ignorance of the true Dispositions of the Man; or whether his Clemency was really the Effect of his good Nature, or only of his Policy.*

Yours, &c.

A. To judge rationally of *Cæsar*, we must say that he did whatever his Ambition required. He pardoned his greatest Enemies and put to Death his best Friends with the same Ease when he found his Interest like to be advanced by it. Every one knows that at the same Time that he recieved *Cicero*, and several other Persons that gave a Lustre to his Party, with so much shew of Lenity and Mildness, he as severely banished and put to Death all that wou'd not bend their Knees before him, and implore his Mercy with Submissions both abject and ridiculous. So that in short we have no more Reason to say that the Clemency of *Cæsar* was the pure Effect of his good Nature; than that of *Nero* in the first five Years of his Reign; for in all that Time he deservedly gloried that he had not shed one drop of Blood through the whole Extent of his Empire. But the whole Empire found to its sorrow afterwards that this Restraint and Concealment of the Savage Barbarity of his natural Disposition proceeded from his singular Policy and Dissimulation, for which he was as remarkable as for his Cruelty.

Q. Gentlemen, *There hath been a Controversy between two Men, whether the Sun is nearest* England *in the Summer or in the Winter? Pray send me your Opinion as soon as you can conveniently, and you will Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant, Peter Mellin.

A. By constant Observation Astronomers find that the apparent Diameter of the Sun is larger at the Winter than at the Summer Solstice, and from thence they prove that it is nearer the Earth in Winter than in Summer: For its apparent Diameter must be reciprocally proportionable to its Distance from the Earth. The same is also proved from the observed Situation of the Earths *Perihelium*, or which is the same Thing, the Suns *Perigeum*, which at this Time is near the Winter Solstice.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

APOLLO,

Q. *THO' I might with* Cowley,
In Poetry vie,
In Accents *as smooth,*
While my Thoughts *soar as high:*
M' Invention *as good,*
As Perceptive my Brain;
Nor e'er was a Subject,
Propos'd me in vain:
The Laureat *long since,*
With Ease cou'd have been,
Had not my Stars *form'd me,*
A more Lucky Scene:
For Poets, *you know well,*
How mean is their State;
As if Rags and Hunger,
Were always their Fate:
On which I declare,
My desire'd be more,
Than Son of APOLLO,
To be th' Son of a Whore:

And

And this is the Reason,
So seldom you find,
Those Musical Offsprings,
Produc'd by my Mind:
Not but I well know,
If the Titles I'd Name,
Of some, they'd convince you,
I merited Fame:
But so much for that,
Which no more I'll insist on,
Because 'tis not so
A Propos *to my Question:*
Which is in an Art,
Which I far higher Prize,
And fancy 'twill so too,
Be thought in your Eyes;
Because a much brighter
Idea of Thought,
And Nobler, may by its
Assistance be wrought:
That's Painting, which always
Has had such renown,
To be much admir'd,
Both by Prince and by Clown.
This Art which my strongest
Affections Caress,
Is that which with Pride,
I own to profess;
And some strokes I've given,
Perhaps may be like,
If not something stronger,
Than those of Vandike:
I've copy'd out Nature,
In fair Lady's Faces,
With all their fine Airs,
Bright Features and Graces.
And what may a Mistery,
Seem ev'n to you,
I've made 'em more handsome,
Yet just like 'em too:
But what still has pos'd me
(I spoke it with Grief,
Because all my study,
Will give no Relief)
My own in a Glass,
I cou'd never hit right,
Tho' I can have my choice,
Of Position *and* Light;
Yet this I have often
Seen others to finish,
Tho' each time I try it,
My Hopes still diminish.
'Tis true I've an Air,
And particular Grace,
Which all know, the hardest
To take in a Face;
Yet since I in Ladies
Have done it, when they,
As Youthful, as Handsome,
Have been and as Gay;
Nay, in some, whose Beauties,
More Charmingly shine,
I cannot devise why,
I miss it in mine;
If you will the Reason
Hereof, but unfold
I'll Honour your Shrine,
Beyond Delphos *of Old.*

A. 'Tis strange and yet often,
It has prov'd as true,
Of which we've a noble
Example in you;
That many (for *Artists*
All others will own)
Their Intrinsic value,
Themselves have not known:
Nor sensible, while
Their vast Gifts they impart,
How they have excell'd
Their own Thoughts in their Art:
Thus you, while these Rhimes
You so flippantly smatter,
Have drawn your self, yet nothing
Know of the matter;
Nay, what is more difficult
In them we find,
The Image exactly
Pourtray'd of your Mind:
But since your Corporeal,
You mayn't as well hit,
We'll give you Instructions
For Compassing it:
Since fondly you think,
Your lewd *Poetry* like
Great *Cowley's*, your *Painting*,
To Rival *Vandike:*
A *Cod's* Head first draw,
With th' Face of an *Owl*,
And two swinging Ears
On th' large *Jobbernole:*
For if you possessed not,
The Gifts of all three,
You ne'er cou'd so *vain*,
Nay, so *Impudent* be.

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, January 16. Advise that they have made there great Rejoicings upon account of the Victory obtained by General Staremberg, and the Relation brought by Count Culmenero having been made Publick, has occasiond a great Joy in this Province, and

and revived the Courage of the People, who seemed very much dejected upon the false Accounts published by the Enemy; That the States of Holland are assembled since Wednesday last, and the Pensionary having laid before them the State of Affairs in Spain, they are resolved to exert all possible Efforts for assisting the King of Spain, without weaken the Forces that are to act in the Netherlands; That the Letters from Paris say, that the Garrison of Gironne has made a vigorous Salley, killed a great many Men, and levelled the Approaches; That the Letters from Spain say, that besides the Marquis the Thouy, Captain-General, wounded and taken Prisoner in the Battle of Villaviciosa, Don Joseph de Armendaries, Lieutenant-General, was killed, 1 Mareschal de Camp killed and one wounded; 2 Brigadiers killed, 2 missing, and wounded; 5 Collonels killed, and 6 wounded, whereof 2 are Prisoners; 1 Lieutenant-Collonel killed and 6 wounded, whereof one is Prisoner; but they have not yet the List of inferior Officers killed and taken, who are in great numbers.

London, January the 12th.

Sir John Jennings with the Squadron of Men of War, Transports and Merchant ships bound for the Streights, past by Dartmouth the 7th Instant.

The Men of War, that went from the Downs on Sunday last in quest of the French Squadron, are returned there.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At a Certain Charge.

SUbscriptions are now taking in at the Office of Insurance on Marriage and Births, by the Society without Loss, in the little Piazza Coven-Garden, in three Books on the Births or Baptising of Children, by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend; the first on Paying 10 *s. per* Week may receive the Dividend of 1000 *l.* The 2d by Paying 5 *s. per* Week, may receive the Dividend of 500 *l.* The 3d by Paying 2 s. 6 d. per Week, may receive the Devidend of 250 l.

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A General Meeting of the Subscribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapside*, on *Thursday, October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Trustees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, pursuant to the Proposals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

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Notice is hereby given, that since the Death of Mr. Tho. Edwards late Director of this Office, the same is continued by his Widow and Administratrix, where daily Attendance is given, and Policies delivered out as usual.

N. *B.* This Office hath met with such success, that above Fourteen hundred Persons have already subscribed, and it is not doubted but it will be compleat within 5 or 6 Weeks, that Claims will begin to be paid by the 16th Instant, the said Mr. Edwards having, before his death, caused 12 Trustees to be chosen at Sadler's-Hall, to whom Security is given, according to the Articles of Settlement, and the said Trustees are resolved to support and encourage the said Widow and Administratrix in this lawful Undertaking.

The Office on Births is in like manner continued, where daily Attendance is given and Policies delivered out as usual.

THE Front side of a good House, Situate in a Clear Airy Court, in Fleet-street, not far from Temple-Bar, is to be Lett, with great Conveniencies, commodious for five or six in Family. Enquire at Steward's Coffee-House, in Three-King-Court, Fleet street.

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